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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on December 3, 2003, Applicant hereby submits a copy of a European Search Report that was mailed on July 2, 2004, with respect to patent family member European Patent Application No. EP 03024368.7, in which the following documents were cited:

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/167684 to KIKUCHI et al., which was published on November 14, 2002;

U.S. Patent No. 6,216,113 to AIKENS et al., which issued on April 10, 2001;

U.S. Patent No. 5,956,487 to VENKATRAMAN et al., which issued on September 21, 1999;

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0087470 to HAYES et al., which was published on July 4, 2002; and

European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0 478 347, which was published on April 1, 1992.

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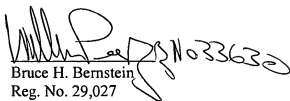
Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of the above-noted European patent document is attached hereto and all of the above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. A copy of the European Search Report is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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